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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SALE OF APCS TO KUWAIT

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1. COMMERCIAL SALES CASE FOR APCS TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY \$24 MILLION WILL REQUIRE 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(C) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT (AECA) NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976 AS POTENTIAL FMS CASE PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(B). DIFFICULT FOR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FIRM ESTIMATE OF TOTAL TIME REQUIRED GIVEN NUMBER OF VARIABLES INVOLVED, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE THIS CASE WITH DISPATCH ONCE REQUISITE EXPORT LICENSE IS APPLIED FOR. (FMC NEED NOT, OF COURSE, BE IN POSSESSION OF VALID EXPORT LICENSE IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE SALES AGREEMENT WITH GOK.)

2. PARA 1 REF A CONCERNING WEAPONS AND AMMO TO BE

PROCURED IN PORTUGAL DOES NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON WHICH TO JUDGE WHETHER USG CONSENT REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER OR NOT. IF WEAPONS AND AMMO ARE OF MAP OR FMS ORIGIN, PRIOR USG CONSENT WOULD BE REQUIRED, WHICH ALSO MAY BE THE CASE IF ARTICLES HAD BEEN EXPORTED COMMERCIALLY

UNDER LICENSE OR MANUFACTURED ABROAD UNDER USG-APPROVED COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREEMENT. SECTION 3(D) OF AECA REQUIRES A THIRTY DAY PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF INTENTION TO CONSENT TO A THIRD PARTY TRANSFER OF MAP OR FMS ORIGIN EQUIPMENT. REQUEST FOR SUCH CONSENT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM GOP. GOK WOULD THEN BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN SAME MANNER AS IF SALE WERE DIRECT USG TO GOK TRANSFER. REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO ORIGIN OF EQUIPMENT PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED FROM PORTUGAL. FYI - FMC INFORMS US THAT THEY ARE RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTY IN CONCLUDING TRANSACTION IN EUROPE. COMPANY HAS RENEWED ITS INTEREST IN FMS PROCURED WEAPONS. WE ARE NOW EVALUATING THAT POSSIBILITY. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FORSEE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH SMALL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF APCS REQUESTED BY GOK. VANCE

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